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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses bill amending 2008 Constitution, puts two bills on record

THE ninth-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14th regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

Hluttaw discusses another report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the Constitution

The meeting started with Hluttaw representatives discussing a report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the second bill amending the Constitution on a bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives including Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Brig-Gen Aung San Chit.

The report was discussed by Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Captain Daw Khin Nyein Chan, U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6, U San Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Sai Aik Hla, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Major Ye Soe, U Wai Sein Aung of Rakhine State constituency 1, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Major Kyaw Min Han, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Major Thant Zin, U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Major Aung Thwin Soe, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative major Zwe Nay Zaw, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Represent-



Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14th regular session holds its ninth-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

ative Major Saw Kyaw Aung Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Major Win Min Tun and Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Colonel Khin Maung Cho.

Discussions in contravention of rules removed from record

Following the discussion, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat informed the Hluttaw about recent Hluttaw meetings. Hluttaw represent-

atives were cautioned to conduct discussions and debates according to the rules and regulations and in keeping with the dignity of their positions as representatives.

During the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting held on 26 November, 15 Hluttaw representatives had discussed a report of the Joint Committee on scrutinizing the second bill amending the Constitution, signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw represent-

atives, including Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Brig-Gen Maung Maung. Some of the discussions by some representatives were in contravention of the Hluttaw rules and regulations on ethics and regulations for representatives, said the Speaker.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that as the words used by five Hluttaw representatives during the discussion were not in conformity with the rules and regulations, they

would be deleted from the record.

Hluttaw put two bills on record

Next, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw putting on record the Myanmar Medical Degree, Diploma and Certificate bill and a bill to prevent an Increased Quantity of Imports that were considered as approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat **PHOTO: MNA**

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Hluttaw approves report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the Constitution

Afterwards, secretary of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the second bill amending the Constitution Dr Myat Nyana Soe responded to the discussion of Hluttaw representatives on the committee report on a bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives including Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Brig-Gen Maung Maung.

After the Hluttaw voted 362 for and 192 against without any abstaining vote, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the



U Win Maung, Magway Region constituency 6. **PHOTO: MNA**



Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Captain Daw Khin Nyein Chan. **PHOTO: MNA**

Hluttaw approved the report of the Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the second bill amending the Constitution.

The tenth-day meeting of the

14th regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held on 3 December.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 62/2019

MEETING 62/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, joint secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative and offi-

cial from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.

The meetings of Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution so far had covered suggestions and comments from Preamble of the Constitution up to Chapter V Executive. It was now covering suggestions and comments on Chapter VI Judiciary.

The Joint Committee was holding its meetings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays while the Hluttaw was in session. While the Hluttaw was in recess, it holds meetings during the ten days after the Hluttaw went into recess and ten days prior to the resumption of the next Hluttaw session.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attends the meeting of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution 62/2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses the Launching Ceremony of Myanmar TVET System Review Report in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

DTVET launches system review report

The Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training under the Ministry of Education introduced a report that reviews Myanmar TVET system, at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The report was produced by the assistances of GIZ Myanmar and the UNESCO. Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi remarked that the report will surely help the role of TVET put into the National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030). He also urged the TVET should be implemented by conducting more skill training courses to benefit the respective regions, appointing high capable

trainers, cooperating with private sector, supporting innovations with the advantage of digital technologies and making collaborative efforts.

The Head of TVET project from GIZ Myanmar Mr Eiko Kauffmann and UNESCO Myanmar Head of Office Ms Min Jeong Kim explained the process of producing the report. Then, officials from the GIZ Myanmar and UNESCO Myanmar handed over the Myanmar TVET System Review books to the Union Minister. A discussion was also made to implement the priority strategies and policies in the report, and to exchange views on sustain-

able development of technical and vocational education. The report launching ceremony was also attended by the chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committees, the members of National Education Policy Commission and the National Curriculum Commission, the Myanmar Rectors' Committee, officials from the National Academic and Quality Assurance Assessment Committee (NAQAC), the Directors-General of Ministry of Education, Chairman and members of UMFCCI and departmental officials.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Thai embassy celebrates National Day in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Embassy of Thailand celebrated the Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the National Day of the Kingdom of Thailand and Thailand Father's Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and it was attended by Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe.

The event began with the national anthems of Myanmar and Thailand, followed by key-note addresses by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe and Thai Ambassador Mrs. Suphatra Srimaitree-phithak.

Afterwards, a documentary

video about friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand was shown and the ambassador hosted a reception with Thai food to mark the day.

The reception was also attended by Union Ministers U Win Khaing, Dr Myint Htwe and U Kyaw Tin, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Mya Tun Oo, senior military officers, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, departmental heads, ambassadors, diplomats and staff of the Embassy of Thailand and guests. —MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe addresses the celebration to mark the National Day of the Kingdom of Thailand and Thailand Father's Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Investment Promotion Committee convenes 2nd meeting

THE Investment Promotion Committee (IPC), which was set up by the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations (MIFER), convened its second meeting yesterday at its office in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was attended by U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and chairman of the IPC, U Aung Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Information, U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications, U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister for Commerce, U Kyaw Lin, Deputy Minister for Construction, U Khin Mg Win, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy, U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Educa-



Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun attends the 2nd meeting of Investment Promotion Committee (IPC) in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

tion, Permanent Secretaries of ministries concerned, director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration and the secretary of the IPC, members of the IPC, the five task forces,

and observers.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister U Thaung Tun took note of the important role of the IPC and the five task forces, and stressed that the success of the committee and

its task forces would help ensure economic growth.

“By keeping this in mind, we hope to create a fair and prosperous society by promoting quality investment. These endeavors should reflect the

government's development policies in promoting a responsible investment environment,” he said.

U Thant Sin Lwin, secretary of the IPC, discussed matters pertaining to the Committee's duties and responsibilities. And, he also presented an overview of the five task forces' annual activities.

Then, team leaders from the five task forces made presentations on their Annual Activities Plans and opportunities and challenges faced by them. The presentations were followed by discussions and a recap by the IPC Secretary of the task force leaders' presentations.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m. with closing remarks from Union Minister U Thaung Tun.—MNA



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Youth Integrity Camp 2/2019 concludes with certificate presentation ceremony

A CLOSING ceremony of five-day Youth Integrity Camp in Mandalay concluded yesterday with a certificate ceremony awarded by Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi and its member Daw Aye Aye Mu to the trainee teachers and students.

At the ceremony held at Shwepyithar Hotel in Mandalay, UNODC Country Manager Mr Troels Vester and a trainee expressed thanks for the camp.

The ACC Chairman said that his commission is emphasizing a constructive approach through promoting integrity.

He also remarked that corruption is a prevailing chronic problem in the community, blocking the ways for capable persons to the right positions to serve for the country.

He also urged the trainees to contribute in creating a corruption free society.

The trainees developed 10 principles from the lectures learned from the camp.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi presents certificate to trainee teacher at the closing ceremony of Youth Integrity Camp in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar Fisheries Federation discusses promotion of seafood industry



Myanmar Fisheries Federation Vice President Dr Toe Nandar Tin delivers the speech at the meeting with businesspersons from livestock and fishery sectors in Insein Township, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Myanmar Fisheries Federation held a meeting with businesspersons from livestock and fishery sectors at its headquarters in Insein Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

Chairwoman of the meeting and Vice President of MFF

Dr Toe Nandar Tin extended a greeting, and the officials from state-owned and private fishery firms discussed market, production and investments in seafood production processes.

Dr Toe Nandar Tin said to the media, "We shared in-

ternational experiences at the meeting for development of the country's fishery industry. Foreign countries are interested in Myanmar fishery resources and that we are trying to develop this industry."

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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Union Minister transferred

In accordance with the provisions stated in section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 12 of the Union Government Law, U Soe Win, Union Minister for the Ministry of Planning and Finance and the Ministry of Industry has been transferred as Union Minister for the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry.

Sd/ Win Myint
President
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Deputy Ministers transferred

In accordance with the provisions stated in section 234, sub-section (a), (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 16, sub-section (b) (9) of the Union Government Law, the following persons have been transferred as the Deputy Ministers for Planning, Finance and Industry.

- (1) U Maung Maung Win
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Planning and Finance
- (2) U Set Aung
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Planning and Finance
- (3) Dr Min Ye Paing Hein
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Industry

Sd/ Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Appointment of Chief Justice in Rakhine State High Court

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 308 section (b), sub-section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and article 82 section (b) of the Union Government Law, and article 44 of the Union Judiciary Law, article 17 section (d) of Region or State Government Law, Daw Wah Wah Tun, Judge of the Rakhine State High Court has been appointed as Chief Justice of the Rakhine State High Court.

Sd/ Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Minister attends completion ceremony of all-round development project buildings



Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung attends a completion ceremony of all-round development project buildings in Kayin and Mon states in Myawady Township, Kayin State. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION MINISTER for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung attended a completion ceremony of all-round development project buildings in Kayin and Mon states held at Kayin State Myawady Township Lay Ke Kaw Town Duplaya High School hall yesterday afternoon.

At the ceremony Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Kayin State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy, Air Force) General Mya Tun Oo, Peace Commission Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw, Karen National Union (KNU) Chairman Saw Mutu Say Poe, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and the Nippon Foundation Chairman Mr. Yohei

Sasakawa delivered speeches. Next, State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint presented national registration cards (NRC) to locals who were resettling in Lay Ke Kaw Town and an official accepted it on behalf of the local populace.

Afterwards, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung, State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint, KNU Chairman Saw Mutu Say Poe and officials cut a ceremonial ribbon to open all round development project buildings in Kayin and Mon State, planted commemorative tress and released peace doves.

The new Lay Ke Kaw Town was established under the resettlement system for conflict displaced persons, refugees from

camp in Thailand who wishes to return, KNU personnel and family members and migrant workers after the Union Government and KNU signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).

From Financial Year 2016-2017 to Financial Year 2019-2020, the Ministry of Border Affairs had utilized K 21.082 billion for Kayin State and out of this K 1,891.216 million was used for Kayin State Myawady Township Lay Ke Kaw Town established in 2014. The funds were used for basic infrastructures of roads and bridges as well as constructing 200 houses and connecting electricity to it.—Htain Lin Aung (IPRD)

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister for Border Affairs inspects development works in Kayin State



Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung visits the Vocational Training School of Domestic Science for Women in Myawady Township on 27 November **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION MINISTER for Border Affairs Lieutenant General Ye Aung visited Kayin State and inspected the regional development on 26 and 27 November.

At the office of development supervising committee, he heard reports on the border area development works and called for systematic implementation of policies, objectives and planning

of the ministry. He also inspected constructions of roads and primary school in Hlaingbwe Township, and gave cash assistance, stationery and school uniforms for the teachers and students.

On 27 November afternoon, the Union Minister and party arrived at the Vocational Training School of Domestic Science for

Women in Myawady Township, and attended to the needs at the school.

He also inspected construction of the roads and bridge, low-cost housings, irrigation of stream water, power lines and other development works of the ministry in Le Kei Kaw new town in Myawady Township.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

IFER Union Minister receives Vice Governor of Yunnan Province

UNION MINISTER for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun received Mr. Dong Hua, the Vice Governor of Yunnan Province at Ministry of Investment and Foreign Eco-

nomical Relations on 28 November 2019. During the meeting, they discussed further promotion of trade and investment promotion between the two countries.—MNA

LIP Union Minister receives Nepali Ambassador in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION MINISTER for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe received Ambassador of Nepal Mr Bhim K Udas at the guest hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to relaxation of entry-visa requirements, simplifying Myanmar citizens' pilgrimage to Bodh Gaya in Nepal and Nepali pilgrims to

Myanmar issuing over 100 countries including Nepal with e-visa for tourists and 55 countries including Nepal with arrival visa for business persons, coordination between the two Foreign Affairs Ministries for issuing arrival visa for Nepali tourists, cooperation of immigration and labour affairs.—MNA

(Translated by TTN)



Union Minister U Thein Swe meets with Ambassador of Nepal Mr Bhim K Udas in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

H&S Deputy Minister to attend opening ceremony of 30th SEA Games

DEPUTY MINISTER for Health and Sports Dr Mya Lay Sein will attend the opening ceremony of 30th Southeast Asian Games in the Philippines.

Dr Mya Lay Sein, in her capacity as Vice Chairperson of

Myanmar Olympic Committee, and Myanmar delegation were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials from sports federations.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Lay Sein seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials before departing for the Philippines. **PHOTO: MNA**

Timor-Leste Embassy celebrates Proclamation of Independence Day in Yangon



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Ambassador of Timor-Leste Mr Joao Freitas de Camara, diplomats and guests pose for a photo at the event to mark the Proclamation of Independence Day of Timor-Leste. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste celebrated the 44th anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence Day of Timor-Leste at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday and it was attended by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint.

The event began with the national anthems of Myanmar and Timor-Leste.

Afterwards, Ambassador of Timor-Leste Mr Joao Freitas de Camara and Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivered key-note

addresses marking the Proclamation of Independence Day of Timor-Leste.

Next, they cut a cake to celebrate the 44th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence Day of Timor-Leste and posed for documentary photos together with the dignitaries at the event.

The event was attended by diplomats in Yangon, resident representatives of the UN agencies and invited guests.—MNA

(Translated by GNLM)

South Korea extends support on smart cities to ASEAN

SOUTH Korea will strengthen cooperation with ASEAN member countries in the smart city field and ROK's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport plans to support four ASEAN nations through the Korea Smart City Open Network from 2020 to devise effective plans and conduct feasibility studies.

ROK Land Minister Ms Kim Hyun-mee made these remarks at the ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meeting on Smart City, on the sidelines of the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit, on 25 November.

Union Minister for Construction, U Han Zaw, also attended the meeting after he departed from Yangon International Airport on 23 November and landed in Busan, South Korea, the next day. The Union Minister was accompanied by the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw's Mayor Dr Myo Aung and officials from his ministry.

The Union Minister also attended the Breaking Ceremony for Busan Eco-Delta Smart City

in the evening of 24 November, where ROK President Mr Moon Jae-in delivered the keynote speech. The ceremony was attended by prime ministers from ASEAN member countries, government ministers and deputy ministers, and mayors.

The Union Minister attended the ministerial meeting at Park Hyatt Hotel on the morning of 25 November and explained Myanmar's smart city strategy and future cooperation with ASEAN, ROK and other affiliated organizations. A decision was also made to form a consultative body at the ministerial level between South Korea and the ASEAN member states for ensuring sustainable cooperation in the smart city sector. Next, the Union Minister visited the ASEAN-ROK Smart City Fair 2019 at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre (BEXCO) along with representatives from ASEAN member states. Upon arriving at the Myanmar booth, the Union Minister received an explanation from Daw Aye Aye Myint, Deputy Director-General



Union Minister U Han Zaw inspects the construction site of the project area of the Korea-Myanmar Friendship Dala Bridge yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

of Urban and Housing Development, on cooperation between Myanmar and ROK and her department's implementation of the Smart City Strategy.

On 26 November, the Union Minister met with ROK Minister Ms Kim Hyun-mee and discussed the progress of the joint-national project on constructing the Korea Myanmar Industrial Park, the Dala Bridge and Dala Myothit

projects, Myanmar's Smart City initiative, and upgrading roads.

Afterwards, the Union Minister held a meeting with LH Korea's CEO in Paradise Hotel. They also discussed the Korea Myanmar Industrial Park and technical support for implementing the Smart City project in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Union Minister and his delegation returned to Yangon on

the evening of 27 November and he inspected the project area of the Korea-Myanmar Friendship Dala Bridge yesterday.

Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Kaung Cho of the Bridge Department and project officials explained the project's progress to the Union Minister, who provided feedback and suggestions in return.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

NCRPD report writing team holds third coordination meeting

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun presided over the third coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfares, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to discuss preparations for producing an annual report of National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (NCRPD).

The Deputy Minister, as the chairman of the report writing team, recounted the first coordination meeting's resolutions on 9 October, including to produce the report in both Myanmar and

English versions at the end of March next year and to collect contents, topics and articles from the relevant organizations till the end of December.

The second coordination meeting on 8 November agreed to collect reports from relevant organizations.

U Win Naing Tun, the Director General of Department of Rehabilitation, explained the ongoing works for producing the annual report with the contributions of sub-committees, the relevant departments, related or-



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers a speech at the third coordination meeting of NCRPD yesterday.

ganizations and activities at the States/Regions.

The attendees at the coordi-

nation meeting made suggestions on the works of relevant sub-committees, and the meeting was con-

cluded with the closing remark by the Deputy Minister—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

UAGO launches guidebook for drafting bills

THE Union Attorney-General's Office introduced a guidebook for drafting bills at the Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The book is aimed for government agencies in drawing the respective bills, officials from UAGO who give recommendations on the bills and Hluttaw representatives who are involving in adopting the draft laws.

At the launching ceremony, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said the task of bill drafting is now undertaken by the Union-level organizations and the Hluttaw representatives as per the 2008 Constitution, although it was carried out by the UAGO in accordance with the attorney-general laws of 1988 and 2001.

Under the Union Attorney-General law 2010, the office becomes responsible for only giving legal advice on the bills sent by the Union-level bodies.

With the assistance of UNDP, creating the new book was started in 2016, and it explains procedures in drafting legal documents with examples and exemplifications.

The books will be distributed to the members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Pyiduangsu Hluttaw bill committees, Regions/States bill committee, Union-level departments, Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zones, legal offices and senior legal officers of Regions/States.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo addresses the launching ceremony for Union Attorney-General's Office introduced a guidebook for drafting bills in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar National Association of the Blind holds seminar to mark Int'l Day of Disabled Persons



Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities Chairman U Aung Ko Myint delivers the opening speech at the ceremony in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ORGANIZED by Myanmar National Association of the Blind, a literary seminar to honor the International Day of Disabled Persons, ahead of its designated date on 3 December, was held at the House of Orchid on Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Yangon, yesterday.

Firstly, cartoonist Sayar Soe Thawdar read a message from Union Minister for Information, Dr Pe Myint, at the literary seminar to honor the International Day of Disabled Persons. This was followed by Myanmar National Association of the Blind's Accountant, Daw Su Mon Khaing, reading the Myanmar National Association of the Blind's remarks on the International Day of Disabled Persons.

Next, U Aung Ko Myint, Chairman of the Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities,

delivered the opening speech. He then conferred an award on behalf of the Myanmar National Association of the Blind to U Bran Nann, the winner of an award at the Onkyo Braille Essay Contest in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Next, Sayama Ma Thida (Sangyaung), Sayar Soe Thawdar, Sayar Ko Innwa (Gandawin Nhyet Gyi), and Founder of Kanthari International Institute's Ms Sabriye Tenberken (German) discussed under the theme of the upcoming International Day of Disabled Persons on 3 December 2019, 'Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda'.

Next, Myanmar National Association of the Blind General-Secretary Daw Yamin Ohnmar explained the processes of the Myanmar National Association of the Blind on honoring the International Day of Disabled Persons 2019. An audio video on accessibility of higher sophisticated education was then played.

Workers for The Blind, Kachin State Development Organization for the Blind, Meiktila Bawa Thit School for the Blind, and Kachin State Lin Let Kyel Group for the Blind, who all work to assist the visually impaired, and is also a member to the World Blind Union.

Myanmar National Association of the Blind was established in 1996 and their office was opened in the compound of the Myanmar Christian Fellowship of the Blind in Mayangon Township, Yangon, in 2002.

The Myanmar National Association of the Blind was formed on 27 May 1996 with the aim of promoting the livelihood of Myanmar's blind citizens and ensure they receive equal civil rights.

Myanmar National Association of the Blind is a national-level organization comprised of individual members and eight member organizations, which include Myanmar Christian Fellowship of the Blind, PyinOoLwin Philanthropic All-Round Education School for the Blind, Monywa Yang Chi Thit School for the Blind, Meiktila Shae Saung School for the Blind, Hlinetaryar Su Paung Arman Association of

Myanmar National Association of the Blind is now not only working for the rights of Myanmar's blind citizens, but also for those of all persons living with disabilities, including protection of their rights, supporting and encouragement. To do so, it cooperates with other affiliated organizations for persons with disabilities and does so with increased momentum.

Branch offices of Myanmar National Association of the Blind are opened in Monywa of Sagaing Region, Lashio of Shan State, and Mawlamyine of Mon State.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Japan's OCCI, UMFCCI hold meeting in Yangon

A delegation led by Japan's Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) Chairman Mr. Minoru Tomita met with officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in UMFCCI office yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win and OCCI Chairman Mr. Minoru Tomita discussed investing in

SMEs for which there were many good markets in Japan starting from 2020 and to cooperate in development of human resources sector.

OCCI and UMFCCI had signed a memorandum of understanding in November 2016 for cooperation between the two organizations, expanding Japan's SMEs into Myanmar and for the development of human resources sector.



Officials from UMFCCI pose for a documentary photo with Japan's Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) Chairman Mr. Minoru Tomita and delegation in UMFCCI office in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Also present at the meeting together with UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win were UM-

FCCI Vice President U Thein Han, auditor U Aye Tun, Central Executive Committee member

U Win Si Thu and Chief Executive Officer U Tint Swai.—UMFCCI *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

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Traditional umbrella businesses thriving in Mandalay

WITH Pathein umbrella, one of Myanmar's traditional handicrafts, enjoying a strong demand in the local market, umbrella makers are earning a good income and their numbers are increasing in Mahaangmye Township of Mandalay Region.

"Earlier, we had to suspend the umbrella business during the rainy season. But this time, we received a number of orders even in the rainy season. Earlier, there were only two umbrella businesses in our ward. Now, the number of umbrella businesses has increased to eight. We have been trying to use plastic caps instead of wood caps for two years now," said Ko Myint Soe, an umbrella business owner.

Traditional umbrellas are made completely by hand. First, bamboos are trimmed and dipped into water. Then, threads are connected to the trimmed bamboos and cloths are fixed onto the shaped bamboos with glue paste and then, the umbrellas are dried



A woman is making one of the colorful Pathein parasol which is made from bamboo and fabric at an industry in Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Region. **PHOTO: TINZAR HLAING (IPRD)**

under the sun.

"Nowadays, traditional umbrellas are selling well. Earlier, only monk umbrellas enjoyed a high demand. Currently, a large number of golden umbrellas are being produced and they are selling well in the market due to a high demand from ho-

tels. Meanwhile, the demand for monk umbrellas is not dying and sometimes, we have to make customized monk umbrellas. We have been practicing the art of making traditional umbrellas for 25 years, and passed it on to the next generation," said an umbrella maker.

Traditional umbrellas are mainly sent to Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, and Myitkyina markets. The price of umbrellas ranges between K3,500 and K65,000, depending on their size and quality.— Tinzar Hlaing (IPRD)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Lagunpyin plant to supply 40 mln gallons of water to Yangon

THE Lagunpyin water treatment facility is expected to provide 40 million gallons of water every day to Yangon, and work on the plant is currently 70 per cent complete, according to the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

"The YCDC plans to supply 40 million gallons of water per day from the Lagunpyin water supply project in 2022.

Meanwhile, 70 per cent of the construction has been completed," said U Than Han, acting deputy director of the assessment of water supply project under YCDC.

In addition, the Lagunpyin water project will provide water to the Thilawa industrial zone, east Dagon, north Dagon, south Dagon, Dagon Seikkan, as well as Thakayta and Dawbon town-

ships.

At present, Hlawgar, Phuogyi, and Ngamoeyeik dams are distributing 205 million gallons of water to 33 townships in Yangon Region.

According to a statement issued by the YCDC, Yangon will require 500 million gallons of water by 2040. The Kakko-wa water project will be implemented using JICA ODA loans.

The project will be divided into two zones – Zone 1 and Zone 9. Zone 1 will provide water to six downtown townships, including Ahlon and Sangyaung, and Zone 9 will cover Hlinethaya Township and other townships. The project will provide 60 million gallons of water to Yangon Region, according to the YCDC.—Myint Maung Soe (Translated by La Wonn)

Yield of monsoon paddy likely to increase in Indaw Township

THE yield of monsoon paddy in Indaw Township is likely to increase this year compared to last year although only 38 per cent of paddy fields have been harvested, said U Thein Khine, township head of the Indaw Township Agriculture Department.

"In the 2017-2018 fiscal, Indaw township produced a total of 87.10 baskets per acre from 56,550 acres monsoon paddy field. In the 2018-2019FY, a total of 55,093 acres monsoon paddy were cultivated in the township. Currently, only 38 per cent of paddy has been harvested and a total of 88.52 baskets per acre have been produced. So, the production of monsoon pad-

dy may show an increase this year compared to last year," said U Thein Khine.

A demonstration of relay cropping system and a monsoon paddy harvesting were held on 27 November on local farmer U Maung Cho's monsoon paddy fields, he said.

"In order to figure out the yield of paddy, a total of 0.10 acre of paddy was harvested and the paddy yield was estimated at 92 baskets. Additionally, the use of seed moisture testers was also demonstrated," said U Phone Maung, district head of the Katha District Agriculture Department.

The demonstration and harvesting were attended by



Farmers harvest paddy in Indaw Township. **PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)**

U Than Win, Sagaing Region Hluttaw representative, U Phone Maung, U Thein Khine, officials from the Agriculture Depart-

ment, district agricultural experts, and local farmers.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

White peanut markets open with stable price in central Myanmar

ALTHOUGH the white peanut market receives China's high demands, the prices are still freezing in Monywa market according to U Thein Oo, an owner of Myanmar Thein Depot.

"Currently, the price of peanuts has decreased to low price and the peanuts in the market are from ChaungU, Myinmu, and Myaung townships. The old peanuts from Budalin, Tabayin and Kani townships fetch K2,800 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kg) but they are currently out of stock in Monywa market. The new peanut ranges K3,000 per viss in current market. Moreover, this new peanut have received the high demands due to the quality", said U Thein Oo.

The white and red peanuts are mainly exported to China market because they are widely used for food businesses. As the peanuts are available every season, the price fluctuations have occurred among the commodity depot depending on the qualities.



A man shows some of the white peanut in Monywa market.
PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)

The peanuts are not only selling well in local market but also exporting to foreign markets", said UThaung, a peanut grower. "Price of peanuts can increase if the growers become to reduce the peanut plantations in Monywa. There are a large number of peanut consumers in local and China market. The price of peanut inclined to

K4,200 per viss last year due to China's high demands", he added.

The red peanuts from the upper regions which are harvested in January are annually sent to Monywa market and the white peanuts are mainly exported to China. —Myo Win Tun (Monywa)
(Translated by La Wonn)

Manufacturing exports soar to \$1.125 bln as of 15 Nov

EXPORTS of finished industrial goods touched a high of US\$1.125 billion between 1 October and 15 November in the current fiscal, an increase of \$195.7 million compared with the corresponding period of the previous financial year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

As per figures provided by the ministry, the exports of finished industrial goods totaled \$930 million during the same period in the 2018-2019FY.

In addition, the manufacturing sector is likely to attract the most foreign investments in the 2019-2020FY, according

to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles produced on the cutting, making, and packaging (CMP) basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

The CMP industry has emerged as a very promising one in the export sector. The value of CMP exports was just \$850 million in the 2015-2016 FY, but it tripled within two years to reach \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY, as per figures provided during the Myanmar

Global Investment Forum 2018, held on 12 September.

In the first month of the current financial year, exports of clothes produced under the CMP system topped \$320 million.

Japan is the largest market for Myanmar apparel, followed by the European Union.

The Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association has more than 500 members, and the garment factories in Myanmar employ more than 500,000 workers. Investors prefer to invest in cheap-labor countries like Myanmar. —GNLM
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MFF to disseminate glass eel fishing techniques

By Nyein Nyein

TECHNIQUES to catch glass eels will be shared with those engaged in the fishing business in the current Financial year, said Dr. Toe Nandar Tin, Vice President of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF).

The MFF will disseminate information on capturing glass eels in cooperation with the Fisheries Department, she said.

"Glass eels are hatched in the sea and carried by waves to the coast. They can be trapped and captured using stones and fishing nets," said Dr Toe Nandar Tin.

"After hatching in the sea, glass eel larvae move with the waves towards the coast. However, we do not know their hatching season and a survey is required for the whole year," she added.

Glass eels are flowing into

the Myanmar market through the Myanmar-Bangladesh border and then they are being sent to other towns through the Kawthoung market.

"Glass eels have export potential. The fishing method is simple and it can be a lucrative business for fishing workers," said Dr Toe Nandar Tin.

Glass eels enjoy a strong demand in China, Japan, South Korea, and Thailand.
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Winter sesame enters Monywa market in mid-November

WINTER sesame started entering the Monywa market in mid-November, said U Thein Oo, the owner of the Myanmar Thein Depot.

"Winter sesame has started to enter the Monywa market from Monywa, ChaungU, Myaung, Budalin, Dabayin, and Ayadaw townships. The crops entered the market between 10 and 15 November. Sesame normally enters the market in mid-November. But, it will enter the market much later," said U Thein Oo.

Black sesame and white sesame were prescribed as export products before 2011. Mixed sesame, from which sesame oil is produced for local consumption, was also prescribed for exports

in 2011.

"Black sesame and white sesame are normally exported to the China market. The sesame varieties fetch a good price, depending on their quality," said U Thein Oo.

"Sesame is easier to grow than other crops and has less potential to be unprofitable. It can also be grown with other crops," said U Bo Hmat, a sesame grower from Budalin Township.

"The price of white sesame is ranging between K43,000 and K50,000 per basket (one basket equals 18 viss), while the price of black sesame is in the range of K65,000-K75,000 per basket," said U Bo Hmat.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Photo shows black sesame. **PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)**

Gems, jewellery market to be set up in Phakant

PHAKANT Town will soon get a gems and jewellery market next to the office of the Gems and Jewellery Traders Association in Humar village, on the side of the road to Seikkmu village.

The market is being developed by the Gems and Jewellery Traders Association (Phakant). The stake driving ceremony was held on 27 November, and the Kachin State Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the township administrator, and officials attended the event.

According to the chair of the association, U Maung Tun, the market will create job opportunities for migrant workers and local residents. It will also ease traffic congestions in the informal market, he added.

"The market is slated to be completed by the end of 2020. It will include 27 buildings with 108 rooms. Each unit will be sold for K75 million and buyers would be allowed to split payments into four installments," he said.

The market will have food court, restaurants, and housing facilities, said U Maung Tun.

"There will also be three bazaars for vendors, who cannot afford to buy shops, and there will be space for 400 vendors per bazaar," he added.

The Myanmar Gemstones Law has been enacted. After the bylaws are instituted, gems traders will be allowed to hold jade and trade it in the market, according to the Phakant gems market. —Township IPRD
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Stock markets retreat as Trump triggers Chinese anger

WASHINGTON — Stock markets mostly fell Thursday as China-US trade talks took a jolt from a US law backing Hong Kong protests that has angered Beijing.

US President Donald Trump signed into law a bi-partisan bill that voiced support for the pro-democracy protests, prompting a sharp response from Chinese officials.

Global equities have been surging in recent weeks — with Wall Street hitting multiple records — on expectations the closely followed trade negotiations would result in a partial pact soon. “European stock markets

are in the red today as US-China trade tensions have ticked up a little on the back of President Trump signing the Hong Kong bill,” said David Madden, analyst at CMC Markets UK.

“This is a new dimension to the US-China relationship, and it has the potential to derail the trade talks. Traders are fearful that China will lash-out at the US, which is why stocks are lower,” he added. The dollar dropped versus main rivals and oil prices were lower as well.

Trump on Wednesday put his name to the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act,



China said it would respond with ‘firm countermeasures’ after Donald Trump signed into law a bill recognising Hong Kong’s rights.

PHOTO: AFP

which requires the president to annually review the city’s favourable trade status and threatens to revoke it if the territory’s freedoms are quashed.

He also agreed to legislation banning sales of tear gas, rubber bullets and other equipment used by Hong Kong security forces in putting down protests that have wracked the city since June and have battered its economy.

The president spoke of “respect” for his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping and said he hoped all sides could “amicably settle their differences”.—AFP ■

ECB’s new president Lagarde signs euro banknotes

FRANKFURT — The new president of the European Central Bank (ECB) Christine Lagarde signed here on Wednesday euro banknotes, vowing to nurture and sustain European citizens’ trust in the single currency.

With currently 23 billion banknotes in circulation with a value of 1.26 trillion euros — a third of which are being used outside the euro area, the world’s second largest reserve currency has been playing a role in bringing Europe closer together, fos-

tering a common identity and a sense of shared destiny in the currency bloc.

“It serves as the most tangible symbol of European integration, a process which has brought peace, freedom and prosperity to our continent,” Lagarde said at the signing ceremony which is customary ritual for the beginning of each ECB presidency.

Among ECB’s tasks such as implementing monetary policy, directly supervising more than

100 significant banks, “it is banknotes that are perhaps the most visible task for many European citizens,” said Lagarde.

“These banknotes are part of our economy, our identity and our culture,” she underlined, adding that the ECB has an immense responsibility to ensure that people maintain their trust in them.

As the ECB’s fourth president, Lagarde embarked on her eight-year term on 1 November, 2019.—Xinhua ■



The new president of the European Central Bank (ECB) Christine Lagarde prepares to write her signature on a 20 Euro display banknote at the ECB headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, 27 November, 2019.

PHOTO: XINHUA

Japan beer exports to S Korea dry up amid hiccup in ties

TOKYO — Not a single drop of Japanese beer was exported to South Korea last month, according to official figures on Thursday, as a boycott campaign against Japan over a historical dispute dries up demand.

Japanese beer shipments to South Korea stood at 7.9 billion yen (\$72 million) last year, accounting for more than 60 percent of the country’s global exports of the amber nectar.

But the finance ministry in Tokyo said exports had plunged to zero, as the two countries remain locked in a dispute over trade and Japanese war-time atrocities. Already in September, year-on-year exports had fallen 99 percent, dealing a blow to Japanese brewers such as Kirin, Asahi and Sapporo. A Kirin Holdings

spokesman declined to comment, saying only: “We are watching developments.” Exports of Japanese instant noodles and sake to South Korea have also plummeted. Ties began a downward spiral after a series of South Korean court rulings ordering Japanese firms to compensate war-time forced labour victims.

This infuriated Tokyo, with Japan insisting the matter was settled in a 1965 treaty normalising diplomatic relations between the two countries, which included significant reparations.

The historic dispute morphed into a trade spat between the two market economies, as Japan removed South Korea from a so-called “white list” of countries that enjoyed streamlined export control procedures.—AFP ■



The South Korean boycott campaign has seen Japanese beer exports to the country wiped out, while shipments of instant noodles and sake have also taken a hit. PHOTO: AFP

India, ADB sign \$451 million loan to strengthen power connectivity in Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI — India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Thursday signed a 451 million dollar loan to strengthen power connectivity between southern and northern parts of Chennai-Kanyakumari

Industrial Corridor (CKIC).

CKIC is a part of East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) in Tamil Nadu and ADB is the lead partner of government for developing ECEC, according to an official statement. The sig-

natories to the loan agreement were Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary (Fund Bank and ADB) at the Department of Economic Affairs, and Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director of ADB’s India Resident

Mission.

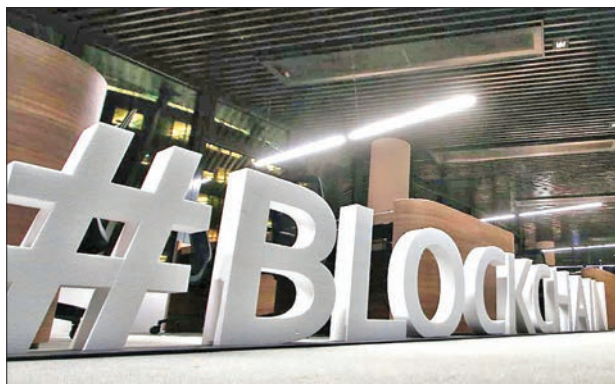
“The project will help Tamil Nadu state government to meet the increasing demand for power supply from industry and commercial enterprises in the state through transfer

of power from new generation facilities, including renewable energy in southern CKIC to industrial hubs in the state’s northern region,” said Khare after signing the loan agreement.— ANI ■

Belgium-based blockchain tech leader SettleMint launches operations in India

NEW DELHI — One of the fastest-growing blockchain technology giants, Belgium-based SettleMint, announced the launch of its India operations at a ceremony hosted at the private residence of Ambassador of Belgium on Tuesday evening.

To be headquartered out of New Delhi, SettleMint's latest footprint in India is the fifth after Belgium, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore. Speaking at the occasion Matthew Van Niekerk, CEO, SettleMint, said, "We are delighted to begin our



Belgium-based SettleMint announced the launch of its India operations at a ceremony hosted at the private residence of Ambassador of Belgium on Tuesday evening. PHOTO: AFP

journey in India, which is currently a hotbed of blockchain technology activity. Keeping in line with the

incredible adoption pace of blockchain technology world over, India as well stands to benefit from

blockchain as a key technology to realize Prime Minister's vision of becoming a \$5 trillion economy."

Highlighting SettleMint's dramatic journey, Van Niekerk, added, "We have reached delivering a solution rather than hype in the blockchain lifecycle. SettleMint drastically reduces the complexity of blockchain technology, making it easy and fast for an organization to turn a business concept into a working blockchain application from 12-18 months to at most a few weeks." —ANI ■

End of an era as Japan's Panasonic exits chip business

TOKYO — Japanese electronics giant Panasonic said Thursday it was exiting the semiconductor business, selling its loss-making subsidiary to a Taiwanese firm

as it struggles with intense competition from China and South Korea.

It marks the end for a once iconic Japanese business, with Panasonic seen as a global chipmaking

powerhouse in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Japanese conglomerate said it was offloading its subsidiary Panasonic Semiconductors Solutions to Taiwan's Nuvoton, with the sale scheduled to take place in June. A spokeswoman for the firm told AFP Panasonic would receive \$250 million.

The firm said it was the "best way" in the face of "extremely intense competition with rival firms' business expansion and massive investment".

The unit logged an operating loss of 23.5 billion

yen (\$215 million) for the fiscal year ended in March, according to the Nikkei business daily.

Panasonic as a whole forecast a 27-per cent drop in operating profit to 300 billion yen this fiscal year to March 2020.

However, traders cheered the news, with shares in the firm closing up 2.82 per cent at 1,009 yen. Only last week, Panasonic said it would end its production of liquid crystal display panels by 2021, again in the face of Chinese and South Korean manufacturers dominating the global market.—AFP ■



Japan's Panasonic has been gradually selling off some of its loss-making units. PHOTO: AFP

Nissan to invest 33 bil. yen on advanced manufacturing technology

YOKOHAMA — Nissan Motor Co. said Thursday it will invest 33 billion yen (\$301 million) to introduce

advanced manufacturing technology at a plant in Japan to tackle the challenges of producing next-gen-

eration vehicles such as electric, intelligent and connected cars.

Nissan plans to introduce the manufacturing technology at its factories around the world, including those of alliance partners Renault SA and Mitsubishi Motors Corp., following the initial investment at its plant in Tochigi Prefecture in 2020.

"A leap in Nissan's production technology will be key in enhancing our (overall) technology as vehicles become more complex and advanced,"

Nissan Executive Vice President Hideyuki Sakamoto told a press conference at the automaker's headquarters in Yokohama.—Kyodo News ■



A Nissan Leaf, an electric vehicle is displayed at the Nissan Booth at CES 2017 at the Las Vegas Convention Center on January 5, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada. PHOTO: AFP



Tender Notice

Hiring of six Local Security Guards

The Embassy of India, Yangon needs service of six Local Security Guards for its Embassy at 545-547, Merchant Street, Yangon. Interested security agencies are requested to visit Embassy's website <https://embassyofindiayangon.gov.in/> → Tender → Tender (Embassy's). The last date for submission of tender is 13th Dec, 2019.



Public Tendering Announcement

CHAI Myanmar requests tenders from interested local supplier for procuring of Laptop computer and IT equipment for use according to project implementation needs in Myanmar.

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V UNI ARISE VOY. NO. (0187-594N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Furious China threatens retaliation over US law on Hong Kong

BEIJING — China on Thursday summoned the US ambassador and threatened retaliation after US President Donald Trump signed legislation supporting Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters, just as the world's top two economies edge towards a trade truce.

Trump signed the legislation under heavy pressure from Congress, where it attracted rare bipartisan support, and in a statement spoke of his “respect” for Chinese President Xi Jinping, calling for both sides to “amicably settle their differences”.

But Beijing lashed out furiously, summoning the US ambassador, threatening unspecified “firm countermeasures” and warning Washington not to implement the legislation.

“The nature of this is extremely abominable, and harbours absolutely sinister intentions,” the Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement.

“China strongly urges the

US side to correct mistakes and change course,” the ministry added later.

In Hong Kong, the government expressed “extreme regret” after Trump signed legislation requiring an annual re-

view of freedoms in Hong Kong and banning the sale of crowd control equipment like tear gas.

“The two acts are obviously interfering in Hong Kong’s internal affairs,” the city government said in a statement, warning the

move would “send the wrong message to the protesters”.

And Beijing’s liaison office in the city condemned Washington’s “disgusting conduct”, saying it would bring “trouble and chaos” to Hong Kong.—AFP ■



Hong Kong activists have welcomed the US move. PHOTO: AFP



Undated file photo shows former South Korean President Park Geun Hye. South Korea’s Supreme Court on 29 August 2019, nullified a lower court ruling that sentenced Park to 25 years in prison over a corruption case and sent the case back to a lower court. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

S Korea top court repeals ex-Pres. Park’s bribery acquittal

SEOUL — South Korea’s Supreme Court on Thursday tossed out a lower court ruling that had acquitted jailed former President Park Geun Hye over a bribery case involving the country’s intelligence agency, ordering a retrial of the case at the appeals court.

The Seoul High Court had acquitted the former president of the charge of accepting bribes

from the National Intelligence Service, while sentencing her to five years in prison for still causing the state to lose funds.

The top court determined that Park should also be found guilty of accepting bribes in the case.

A retrial at the high court is highly likely to extend the existing prison sentence for the former president.

Park, 67, already faces a finalized prison sentence of two years for violating the public office election law in a separate case. In late August, the Supreme Court also sent another corruption case involving her to a lower court, while still finding her guilty of accepting huge bribes from conglomerates such as Samsung and the Lotte Group.—Kyodo News ■

Singapore invokes fake news law against anti-gov’t website

SINGAPORE — The Singapore government on Thursday invoked its controversial new fake news law for a second time, ordering the editor of an anti-government website to put up a correction notice declaring that a recent social media posting contains falsehood.

Home Minister K. Shanmugam instructed a government agency that was recently established to enforce the new law to issue a “correction direction” to Alex Tan, editor of the online States Times Review, over a 23 November article that he posted on his Facebook account.

“A correction direction has been issued to the ‘States Times

Review’ Facebook page requiring STR to carry a correction notice stating that its article contains falsehoods,” the Home Ministry

said in a statement posted on its website.

The Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act



Visitors at the Merlion park, Singapore, 13 August 13, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

was passed by Parliament in May and came into force on 2 October despite concerns from some quarters that the law gives too much power to the government to decide what news is fake.

The 23 November Facebook post had focused on a recent incident in which a Facebook page whose name appeared to be similar to a student union of the National University of Singapore alleged that the ruling People’s Action Party planned to field a Christian evangelist female candidate in the next general election. It claimed a whistleblower has been arrested.—Kyodo News ■

NEWS In BRIEF

China’s Wang to visit Seoul for talks with S Korean foreign minister

BEIJING — Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi is scheduled to visit Seoul next week for talks with his South Korean counterpart Kang Kyung Wha to exchange views on bilateral issues, his ministry said Thursday.

Wang’s visit to Seoul for two days from next Wednesday would come in the run-up to a trilateral summit among China, South Korea and Japan, expected to be held later next month. The planned first trip by Wang to the neighbor since 2015 suggests that relations between Beijing and Seoul, which were strained by the deployment of a US missile defense system in South Korea, have been improving recently.—Kyodo News ■

North Korea launched unidentified projectiles, says South Korea

PYONGYANG — North Korea has conducted the launch of an “unidentified projectile”, said the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff on Thursday. South Korea is analysing the data related to the launch, Yonhap News Agency reported. This is already the twelfth launch of this kind since May. Pyongyang last test-fired on 31 October, when it tested two unidentified projectiles towards the East Sea.—ANI ■

India, UK reaffirm commitment on counter-terrorism cooperation

LONDON — India and the United Kingdom (UK) strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and reiterated their commitment to work together to tackle the menace. Both sides made the commitment during the 13th meeting of India-UK Joint Working Group on counter-terrorism held in London on November 25 and 26. “The 13th meeting of India-UK Joint Working Group on counterterrorism was held in London on 25-26 November. Both sides condemned terrorism in all its forms and reaffirmed their commitment to work together to combat terrorism,” the Indian High Commission in London tweeted on Wednesday.—ANI ■

Poll shows UK Tories headed for comfortable win

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives are heading for a comfortable win in next month's election, according to a detailed new poll, amid reports Thursday that the rival Labour party is refocusing its strategy.

The YouGov survey published late Wednesday said if the contest were held now, the Conservatives would snatch 44 seats from the main opposition party to win a 68-seat majority in the House of Commons.

The poll — the biggest so far in this campaign to predict election results seat-by-seat — uses

a model that correctly forecast 93 per cent of seats in the last election in 2017, according to YouGov.

Britain votes on 12 December, with Johnson hoping to secure a majority to be able to push through his plan to leave the European Union at the end of January.

The data showed larger swings from Labour to the Conservatives in areas that are more pro-Brexit, especially in England's northern and central regions.

Labour has promised a new referendum on Brexit, and although leader Jeremy Corbyn

says he would be neutral, many of his top team have said they would campaign to stay in the EU.

"As expected, the key thing deciding the extent to which each of these seats is moving against Labour (is) how that seat voted in the European Union referendum" in 2016, said Chris Curtis, YouGov's political research manager.

The Tories are keen not to seem complacent, however.

Dominic Cummings, a Johnson advisor who masterminded the 2016 Brexit campaign, warned just hours before the YouGov poll



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson is on course for an increased majority in next month's general election, a new poll says. PHOTO: AFP

was published that the race remained tight.

"As someone who has worked on lots of campaigns, things are much tighter than they seem and there is a very real possibility of a hung parliament," he wrote in

personal blog post addressed to Brexit supporters.

"Without a majority, the nightmare continues. All other MPs will gang together to stop Brexit and give EU citizens the vote," Cummings added.—AFP ■



FILE PHOTO: Gordon Sondland, the US ambassador to the European Union, testifies before the House Intelligence Committee. PHOTO: AFP

US envoy to EU accused of sexual misconduct

PORTLAND — United States Ambassador to European Union, Gordon Sondland, who provided key testimony in US President Donald Trump's impeachment hearings has been accused of sexual misconduct by at least three women.

Sondland denied the allegations and his lawyer has alleged that the accusers are trying to influence the inquiry against the president, The New York Times reported. A US-based Magazine 'Portland Monthly' on Wednesday published the article in which the women have told their stories.

One of the accusers, Jana Solis said that she met Sondland in 2008 when she was searching for a job. She said that Sondland invited her for lunch and offered a job as "my new hotel chick"

and slapped her rear.

She also said that Sondland invited her to his Portland home to check his personal art collection which included a picture of himself with US former President George W Bush and he exposed himself in the pool house. She also accused the ambassador of forcibly kissing her.

Another woman Nicole Vogel, who owns Portland Monthly said that she met Sondland in 2003 to seek investment for a news magazine. Vogel said that Sondland took her to a hotel room and then "grabs my face and goes to kiss me".

Vogel said that she refused and left the room. Later on, she had received an email in which Sondland declined funding for her project.—ANI ■

Maldives ex-president Abdulla Yameen gets 5 years jail for money laundering

MALE — Former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen was sentenced to five years of imprisonment in a money laundering case on Thursday.

A five bench panel of a court in Maldives also ordered Yameen to pay a USD 5 million fine in the case. The court ruling found the 60-year old guilty of laundering over USD 1 million of state money for personal gain, Maldives

Independent reported.

The panel ruled that Yameen invested the money despite reasonable grounds to suspect that it was ill-gotten and violated an agreement signed with the Anti-Corruption Commission to hold the USD1 million in an escrow account. The new bench has announced the verdict after Judge Ahmed Halin was suspended hours before he was to announce

the verdict on 5 November.

Yameen's supporters including former ministers and lawmakers protested outside the criminal court during the hearing. They have accused the government of "hijacking" the judiciary. Yesterday, Yameen warned supporters to beware of "vultures" who might take over the opposition coalition if he is sent to prison.—ANI

Mysterious reappearance of Turkey's missing

ANKARA — News that a loved one was in custody would be unwelcome in most circumstances — but when the police called

Sumeyye Yilmaz, she felt her prayers had been answered.

Her husband Mustafa Yilmaz had been missing for eight

months.

At last, she knew he was alive and she would see him again.

But she could not take in the news, asking the officer on the phone if he was sure. "There are many Mustafa Yilmazes, I didn't want to be disappointed," she told AFP.

The next day, he was finally back in her arms.

Police told Sumeyye that her husband was "found" on 21 October and was in good health, but she could see he had lost weight and his hands and face were "ice cold".

Sumeyye feared her husband, a 33-year-old physiotherapist, had been tortured and said he looked anaemic, but he gave no account of his missing months and told her only that he had been "hiding".—AFP ■



"A large burden on my shoulders has gone," Sumeyye Yilmaz says after being reunited with her husband who had been missing for eight months. PHOTO: AFP

Soe Lin Oo fights to a draw against Thailand's Pharparus

THE main bout of the Myaing Gyi Ngu Lethwei event between Myanmar star Soe Lin Oo and Thailand icon Pharparus, held on 27 November in Kayin State, ended in a draw.

The match proved to be thrilling as both are star fighters with a lot of experience in lethwei and Muay Thai.

The first round started with Soe Lin Oo putting up a careful fight, while Muay Thai fighter Pharparus launched an attack with high and low kicks, which Soe Lin Oo blocked using his hand.

Soe Lin Oo relied on his strong right punch, but Pharparus landed his left punch, and the first round proved to be testing for both fighters.

The second round was more active, with Pharparus using strong punches. One left punch of Pharparus hit the right side of Soe Lin Oo's face, but although bloodied, Soe Lin Oo did not buckle.

In the third round, Soe Lin Oo deflected continuous attacks from Pharparus, who tried to hit him again on the face. Soe Lin Oo used close punches, hitting Pharparus continuously, but Pharparus, too, remained standing.

Soe Lin Oo dominated the fourth and fifth round, landing strong punches and using elbows, but he seemed exhausted and could not manage to knock his opponent out, and the fight ended with a draw. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar's Soe Lin Oo (red) lands a close punch on Thai fighter Pharparus. PHOTO:MLC

FIFA ranking of Myanmar men's national football team jumps to 136



The Myanmar men's national football team seen at an international match. PHOTO:MFF

THE Myanmar men's national football team has climbed 11 spots to 136 from 147 in FIFA rankings, according to a statement released yesterday by FIFA.

The FIFA stated that Myanmar is currently the most improved team in Asia. The team moved up in the rankings following its 3-0 victory over Nepal at a FIFA international friendly match on 7 November.

The FIFA ranking was also based on the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers matches in which My-

anmar got two consecutive wins within a week. Myanmar beat Tajikistan by 4-3 and Mongolia by 1-0 in the Group F matches of the World Cup Qualifiers 2022. While Tajikistan has fallen five positions to 121 in the world rankings, Mongolia has slipped four spots to 190.

Kyrgyzstan has also climbed down two positions and is currently ranked 96th by FIFA.

At present, Japan is ranked first in Asia and 28th in FIFA world ranking.

In the meantime, Nepal has

fallen three ranks to 170th place, while Kuwait is up 9 spots to 147 after defeating Chinese Taipei and Nepal in the Asian Qualifiers.

Korea Republic, ranked 41st, is the third best team in Asia, while Australia (42nd) and Qatar (55th), have maintained their positions to complete the top five.

Malaysia, thanks to wins over Thailand and Indonesia in the Asian Qualifiers, has jumped four places to 154th in the rankings. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Myanmar women footballers prepare for SEA Games match against Malaysia

THE Myanmar women's national football team underwent special training yesterday at the Philippines Football Federation (PFF) artificial training ground in Binan, the Philippines, ahead of their match against Malaysia at the SEA Games.

Team Myanmar, led by head coach U Win Thu Moe, has been placed in Group A with host Philippines and Malaysia for the tourney.

As the previous Group A match between Myanmar and the Philippines on 26 November ended in a 1-1 draw, Myanmar will be focusing on a win in the match against Malaysia on 2

December so they can gain the first place and advance to the semifinals.

Meanwhile, Group B has two ASEAN powerhouses — Thailand and Viet Nam. The opening match of Group B between Thailand and Viet Nam on 26 November also finished with a 1-1 draw, and there is much interest in which team would advance to the semifinal with the first place.

The last match for Group A between Myanmar and Malaysia will start at 2.30 p.m. Myanmar Standard Time on 2 December at the Binan Stadium in Binan. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar women footballers train in Binan ahead of the SEA Games Group A match against Malaysia, which will be played on 2 December. PHOTO:MFF